Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2014

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.7 percent between February 2014 and March 2014 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2014 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, women's clothing, footwear and men's clothing. Prices also rose for fresh or frozen beef, fresh or frozen pork and cigarettes.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for travel tours, traveller accommodation, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and bakery products. Prices also fell for non-prescribed medicines, household textiles and preserved fruit and fruit preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.8 percent between March 2013 and March 2014 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.5 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.7 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2013 primarily due to higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline, cigarettes and the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also rose for electricity, food purchased from restaurants and passenger vehicles insurance premiums.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for seeds, plants and cut flowers, prescribed medicines, telephone services and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for clothing accessories, watches and jewellery, passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs and preserved fruit and fruit preparations.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2014	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2013 to Mar. 2014
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	128.7	127.8	0.7	2.8
Food	137.4	136.5	0.7	3.2
Shelter	153.2	153.0	0.1	3.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	110.3	109.2	1.0	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	100.7	97.2	3.6	1.8
Transportation	124.0	122.1	1.6	3.3
Health and Personal Care	116.9	116.9	0.0	1.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	108.0	108.8	-0.7	2.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	158.2	156.1	1.3	7.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	126.7	126.1	0.5	2.6
Energy	149.5	144.0	3.8	5.3
CANADA				
All-Items	124.8	124.1	0.6	1.5
Food	134.4	134.3	0.1	1.5
Shelter	131.4	130.7	0.5	2.7
Household Operations and Furnishings	115.7	115.3	0.3	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	94.0	91.0	3.3	-1.4
Transportation	131.7	130.8	0.7	1.7
Health and Personal Care	118.1	118.4	-0.3	-0.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.5	106.4	0.1	1.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	145.3	142.9	1.7	3.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	121.5	121.0	0.4	1.3
Energy	167.2	162.6	2.8	4.6
REGINA				
All-Items	129.7	128.7	0.8	2.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	128.6	127.7	0.7	2.6

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2013 to Mar. 2014
Canada	0.6	1.5
Newfoundland	0.6	2.0
Prince Edward Island	0.6	3.0
Nova Scotia	0.4	1.7
New Brunswick	0.6	1.5
Quebec	0.2	0.9
Ontario	0.4	1.5
Manitoba	0.6	2.3
Saskatchewan	0.7	2.8
Alberta	1.8	3.9
British Columbia	0.5	0.1
Whitehorse	0.2	2.3
Yellowknife	0.1	1.9
Iqaluit	0.1	1.3

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2013 to Mar. 2014
St. John's	0.6	2.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.6	2.9
Halifax	0.5	1.8
Saint John	0.6	1.5
Quebec City	0.2	0.7
Montreal	0.2	1.0
Ottawa	0.4	1.3
Toronto	0.4	1.8
Thunder Bay	0.3	1.5
Winnipeg	0.6	2.3
Regina	0.8	2.7
Saskatoon	0.7	2.6
Edmonton	1.6	3.3
Calgary	2.0	4.6
Vancouver	0.7	0.3
Victoria	0.4	-0.1
Whitehorse	0.2	2.3
Yellowknife	0.1	1.9
Iqaluit	0.1	1.3

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